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SUBJECT: NEW YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR WARMLY RECEIVED

1. CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION BY NEW YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR PETAR DODIK FEBRUARY 28 WAS MARKED BY CONSIDERABLE WARMTH ON BOTH SIDES.

2. CEAUSESCU REFERRED TO "POSITIVE EVOLUTION IN ALL FIELDS" OF YUGOSLAV-ROMANIAN RELATIONS" AND TO "WIDE COLLABORATION" WHICH THE TWO COUNTRIES "ARE DEVELOPING IN INTERNATIONAL LIFE". SOUNDING ONLY SLIGHTLY LESS UPBEAT, DODIK HAILED "TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP," "COMMON GOALS" INTERNALLY, AND "COMMON ASPIRATIONS" IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

3. SCINTEIA'S COVERAGE MARCH 1 OF REMARKS BY BOTH WAS UNUSUALLY FULL COMPARED WITH PRESS ATTENTION GIVEN IN PAST TO AMBASSADORIAL ACCREDITATIONS INVOLVING OTHER COUNTRIES WITH WHICH ROMANIA ENJOYS ESPECIALLY GOOD RELATIONS.

4. COMMENT: ROMANIAN COVERAGE OF EVENT GAVE NO REPEAT NO INDICATION THAT GOR IS READY TO DISPLAY PIQUE OVER THE ASSIGNMENT OF DODIK TO REPLACE THE REPUTEDLY MORE
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PRESTIGIOUS DIPLOMATIST NJEGOVAN. FACT THAT CEAUSESCU

CHOSE TO RECEIVE HIM ONLY FIVE DAYS AFTER ARRIVAL
DURING EXTREMELY BUSY WEEK, PLUS RELATIVE WARMTH DIS-
PLAYED AT EVENT SEEM TO BEAR OUT EMBASSY'S IMPRESSION
FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH ROMANIAN OFFICIALS AND YUGOSLAV
DIPLOMATS THAT WHILE DIFFERENCES OF VIEW MAY ARISE
IN SOME ASPECTS OF RESPECTIVE FOREIGN POLICIES, UNDERLYING
COMMONALITY OF GOY-GOR INTERESTS IS FUNDAMENTAL
AND WILL NOT BE LOST SIGHT OF IN CONTINUED MAINTENANCE
OF GOOD BILATERAL RELATIONS.
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